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1. On 17 July, North Korean People's government recruiting officers were addressing the street crowds in Seoul, asking all who support the government to raise their hands. All young men raising hands were recruited for the North Korean People's Army Volunteer Corps; those refusing to join were punished. The Volunteer Corps barracks is in the Mikunia apartment house, the left side of the former South Korean headquarters.

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2. Colonel Yi, former CO of the South Korean air force, has been appointed director of the Seoul security bureau. The director of the North Korean People's government security bureau is KIM Pa. On 28 July there was a meeting of the government political leaders in Seoul. The political broadcasts in Seoul are directed by KIM Pa.

3. The National University Hospital at Seoul was not used as a hospital as of 20 July but was used by Soviet personnel for an unknown purpose. Five to ten Soviets, both civilian and military, were observed daily, arriving in the early morning, and leaving in the evening. There was a rumor current in Seoul that Soviets were living in President RHEE's residence.

4. There was a severe food shortage in Seoul by 20 July. Rice cost 22,000 won per mal; potatoes cost 9,000 won per kwan. Meat was comparatively cheap (800 North Korean won per pound) because of the air raids. Food hoarders and blackmarketeers are being executed. The North Korean People's government is not distributing food to the populace. There is an acute shortage of water, which costs 3,000 won per liter. The road from Seoul to Chongju is crowded with hungerstricken people.

5. The People's Committee of Seoul, the sub-committees of each ward, and subordinate street committees control the city systematically through the use of neighborhood leftists who draw up blacklists which include all rightists.

6. The propaganda department of the Seoul People's Committee directs the North Korean People's Army morale program, city propaganda, publications, cultural

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activities, and the radio. The Hapang Ilbo (Liberator Daily), the Inmin Po (People's Press), and other papers are sold on the street for 30 won per copy. The papers stress the people's return to employment and the defeat of the South Korean army.



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